

HOUSE RESOLUTION 216

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Doris Jean Lloyd Strong on the celebration of her seventieth birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Doris Jean Lloyd Strong will celebrate her seventieth birthday on March 16, 2012, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Strong was born in Chattanooga on March 16, 1942, to Charles and Mildred Lloyd; and

WHEREAS, she was the loving sister to two siblings, Charles and Brenda Lloyd, who are now deceased; and

WHEREAS, Doris Strong attended Chattanooga Avenue Elementary School, Howard Junior High School, and Howard High School, where she was a proud Howard School Tiger and where she cultivated a lifelong love for sports, especially football and basketball; and

WHEREAS, Doris Lloyd married Willie James Strong and the couple's union produced four children: Cassandra, Jeremiah, Rodney, and Gregory; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Strong is deeply devoted to her family and she always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, throughout her life, she has been a stellar parent, and she bears a profound love for her family, proud of their many accomplishments and milestones; and

WHEREAS, Doris's deep-rooted faith in God has helped her to endure the untimely passing of two of her sons, Rodney and Gregory, and her oldest grandson, Little Jerry; and

WHEREAS, Doris Strong is affectionately referred to as “Granny” by her four grandchildren, KeKe, Jrammell, Tomeka, and Pooh, and her six great-grandchildren, and she is loved by her nieces, nephews, and cousins; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Strong served with acumen and alacrity in the Chattanooga School System, dedicating her career to working in social and education programs which resulted in many of her clients experiencing an improved quality of life; and

WHEREAS, upon her retirement from the school system, she began working part-time at the Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, a public-spirited citizen of the highest order, Doris Strong has an unwavering love for her community and is always eager to volunteer her time and resources to improve the community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Strong is politically asute and works to encourage voter participation and she participates in the Southside Family Reunion each year, in which thousands of “Southsiders” return to Chattanooga for a weekend of reminiscing, renewing friendships, and promoting families; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Strong is an active and devout member of Pneuma Christian Center, where she is known for her sense of humor, contagious smile, and genuine concern for others; and

WHEREAS, she is also renowned for her good home cooking and is always eager to prepare delicious meals for her family and friends; and

WHEREAS, as Doris Strong celebrates seven decades of living life to its fullest, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Doris Jean Lloyd Strong on the celebration of her seventieth birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.